

REMARKS

Claims 16–25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1–12, 14, and 15 are canceled, and claims 16–25 are added. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in the original claims, specification, and drawings. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 9–12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,094,546 to Nakazato et al. ("Nakazato") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,825,993 to Shimura et al. ("Shimura"); rejects claims 2 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nakazato and Shimura in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,327 to Yoshida et al. ("Yoshida"); rejects claims 3 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nakazato and Shimura in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,6268, 925 to Yamanaka ("Yamanaka"); rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nakazato and Shimura in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,226 to Gringeri et al. ("Gringeri"); rejects claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nakazato, Shimura, and Gringeri in further view of Yoshida; and rejects claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nakazato, Shimura, and Gringeri in further view of Yamanaka.

Claims 1–12, 14, and 15 are canceled, thus rendering the rejections moot.

II. New Claims

By this Amendment, new claims 16–25 are presented. Claims 17–25 depend from claim 16. Support for claim 16 may be found, for example, in Fig. 1. A "receiver" corresponds to reference numeral 141, an "image forming portion" corresponds to reference numeral 11, a "controller" corresponds to reference numeral 15, and a "communication interface" corresponds to reference numeral 14.

The applied references, either separately or combined, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of claim 16. Therefore, claim 16 is believed to be patentable over the applied references. Claims 17–25 depend from claim 16 and, thus, are also believed to be patentable over the applied references.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 16–25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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